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Gentlemen:

Any settlement regarding this dispute will always displease someone or some other parties because of the magnitude of the situation. It is better to simply go ahead with the agreed upon settlement, i.e., give the poorest schools what was originally agreed upon, let the recipients benefit from this decision now, and move on.

Because of conflicting ideas in our vast population, there will always be some parties who will be 'hurt' no matter what the solution would be. When the new presiding judge proclaimed that she wants a fast track settlement to this problem, I rejoiced. I felt the air of leadership and determination to solve the mess once and for all. In a society like ours, we should always work with the quickest and best 'at that time' solution to our problems, otherwise, we will be paralysed with trying to find the 'perfect' solution which is almost always elusive. It is better to achieve finality now and move on rather than stall the whole process and let the whole economy suffer.

Let us avoid any more losses and missed opportunities due to these uncertainties and indecisions. This is the reason we have leaders and have appointed well-paid decision-makers so that they can come up with solutions within the confines of the law. Let not the supposedly leaders challenge each others ruling and stall the process all together. Let us move on.

Thank you,

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